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Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program
c/o The California Natural Resources Agency
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In reply to: Comments to DRAFT Grant Guidelines & Application for Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program

Ladies and Gentlemen:

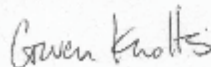
The San Bernardino Green Alliance would like to thank the California Natural Resources Agency for the opportunity to review and comment on the draft of the Grant Guidelines & Application for Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program dated November 17, 2009.

The San Bernardino Green Alliance is a grassroots coalition of over 75 stakeholders - community/faith based organizations, education, government, health advocates, and businesses - dedicated to addressing community health through the creation of opportunities for green jobs. The emphasis of SBGA, unlike any other initiative in this region, is on informed community participation in the utilization of the new emerging green economy as a vehicle for building healthy environments for all.

In reviewing the Evaluation/Scoring Criteria section of the draft guidelines, the SBGA recommends additional consideration for Urban Greening Projects that create jobs and support economic development. We believe that the additional points for job creation would help promote projects that are in alignment with the goals of the California Strategic Growth Council and would help contribute to the mitigation of the state's current economic climate.

Thank you for taking into consideration the SBGA's recommendation and we look forward to the final publication of the grant guidelines.

Sincerely yours,



Gwen Knotts
President and Chair